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TOPIC Alt Loennewitz Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 12 May 1953, four MiG-15s parked on the eastern edge of Alt Loennewitz airfield tumbled to the western section of the field. Source did not observe that starter carriages were being used. North of the Alt Loennewitz estate there was a SCR-602 knifertest-type radar set which projected above the board wall by about 2 meters. An Adcock DF station and a one-mast antenna were observed in the eastern section of the field. Trucks loaded with billeting equipment, were seen in the vicinity of the field.

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2. The following air activity was observed at the field between 15 and 26 May:

15 May. MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks, practiced flying over the field during the morning.

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18 May. During the morning, when there was sunny weather and haze at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, 2 to 4 MiG-15s repeatedly took off and made flights which could not be observed because of the haze.

19 May. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual MiG-15s took off at intervals of up to 8 minutes and practiced diving over the field, pulling out of dive at altitudes between 50 to 200 meters. Day flying was stopped at 2:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., night flying was started by swept-back jet fighters which remained aloft for 20 to 30 minutes, while searchlights were in operation.

22 May. MiG-15s practiced diving during the morning while there were no clouds. At about 12:30 p.m., two MiG-15s were observed flying over the Elbe River. Night flying was again practiced by swept-back jet fighters after 7:20 p.m.

21 May. Swept-back jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks individually took off and practiced banking and diving. Night flying started at 8 p.m. and still continued at 11:45 p.m. Aircraft flying in elements of two were observed.

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22 May. In sunny weather during the morning, individual take-offs were made by MiG-15s which made flights of 30 to 40 minutes. At 8:45 p.m., six MiG-15s individually took off at intervals of 80 seconds.

23 May. No air activity was observed up to 12:30 p.m. while the weather was sunny. Five IL-10s four of them flying in elements of two approached from the north and landed at the field at 1:20 p.m. A total of 35 IL-10s and 4 MiG-15s were counted at the field at 9:10 a.m.

25 May. At 11:30 a.m., two MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks flew in one element at a very high altitude. At about 2 p.m., one MiG-15 took off from the field.

26 May. There was no air activity up to noon although the weather was sunny.<sup>2</sup>

3. In the second half of May, source observed 12 shrapnelproof aircraft revetments, including some under construction, in the northern section of the field, on either side of the former Falkenberger Strasse. Additional shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were located in the southern section of the field east and west of the AA gun emplacement.
4. On 23 May, a fifth semi-underground temporary building was observed east of the field where, in December 1952, four radio cabins had been seen near the radio installations. Also on 23 May, source observed a mast in the middle of the four-mast radio installation, which was about 1 meter smaller than the other four masts.<sup>3</sup>

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6. In May, an AA gun emplacement whose guns could not be identified was observed in the northwestern section of the field, outside the hangar, about 300 meters east of the target range.

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1. Comment. A previous report contained the first information on the establishment of a radar station consisting of an SCR-602 knifertest-type set and a fishnet-type set at Alt Ioennewitz airfield. See

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2. Comment. At present, the airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment and a ground attack regiment. It is noteworthy that night flights of 20 to 30 minutes were made by MiG-15s.

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3. Comment. For location of temporary buildings, see Annex to
4. Comment. According to available information, a light AA battery of 6 x 37-mm AA guns is emplaced on the southern edge of the field. The emplacements in the northwestern section of the field probably were unoccupied. See

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